

aide-mémoire

TAGS INTERROGATIFS

He is working, isn't he?

isn't he, placé en fin de phrase est un *tag* interrogatif. Le *tag* fait apparaître l'auxiliaire utilisé dans la 1^o partie de la phrase. Si le 1^{er} verbe est positif, le *tag* est négatif, si le 1^{er} verbe est négatif, le *tag* est positif. Souvent traduit par *n'est-ce-pas*, le *tag* permet de demander confirmation de ce qui a été déclaré.

He is working, isn't he?
 He was working, wasn't he?
 They've finished, haven't they?
 They had finished, hadn't they?
 He will come, won't he?
 He would come, wouldn't he?

He isn't working, is he?
 He wasn't working, was he?
 They haven't finished, have they?
 They hadn't finished, had they?
 He won't come, will he?
 He wouldn't come, would he?

ATTENTION

-Il faut parfois faire apparaître un auxiliaire qui ne figure pas dans la première partie de la phrase:

Au présent simple: **She often goes there, doesn't she?** *Elle y va souvent, n'est-ce-pas?*

Au prétérit simple: **She passed, didn't she?** *Elle a réussi, n'est-ce-pas?*

A l'impératif: **Let's go, shall we?** *Allons-y, veux-tu?*
Open the door, will you? *Ouvre la porte, veux-tu?*

Everyone, everybody, anyone, someone, nobody, no one sont repris dans le *tag* par **they** :

Everybody saw her, didn't they?
Tout le monde l'a vue, n'est-ce pas?

Never est un terme négatif -> *tag* positif

He never answered, did he?
Il n'a jamais répondu, n'est-ce pas?

LES REPONSES COURTES

Oui - Non

Did you see her? Yes I did/No, I didn't

Moi aussi-Moi non plus

I met her at the party-> **So did I** (*moi aussi*)
 I didn't speak to her -> **Neither did I** (*moi non plus*)